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WASHINGTON, December 1, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 22 totaled an estimated 18.2 billion ton-miles, 4.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 47 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 802.0 billion ton-miles, 0.3 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 22 totaled 402,496, up 2.0 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 5.2 percent higher than the preceding week which included the Veterans' Day holiday.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 10 of the 21 major commodity groups increased, with coal showing a gain of 8,450 cars (7.3 percent) while grain increased by 2,048 cars (6.9 percent). Sixteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 15 totaled 106,394 trailers and/or containers, 12.6 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 46 weeks of the year was 4,437,462 trailers and/or containers, up 9.1 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/22/86:

	Loadings in Week ended November 22, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,614	I	2,048	6.9	I	1,848	6.2
Other farm products	4,636	I	654	16.4	I	163	3.6
Metallic ores	10,384	D	4,204	28.8	D	2,064	16.6
Coal	123,461	I	8,450	7.3	I	13,610	12.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,271	I	281	2.2	I	453	3.5
Nonmetallic minerals	8,464	D	2,451	22.5	I	847	11.1
Grain mill products	11,091	I	605	5.8	D	274	2.4
Food and kindred products	11,520	D	24	0.2	I	155	1.4
Primary forest products	10,681	D	654	5.8	I	314	3.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,929	I	814	11.4	I	420	5.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,346	D	629	4.8	D	37	0.3
Chemicals and allied products	23,868	I	390	1.7	I	1,322	5.9
Petroleum products	4,323	D	199	4.4	I	82	1.9
Stone, clay and glass products	9,461	I	78	0.8	I	3	0.0
Coke	4,216	D	748	15.1	I	204	5.1
Metals and products	7,242	D	1,294	15.2	I	274	3.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,951	D	2,106	9.1	D	468	2.2
Waste and scrap materials	8,267	I	275	3.4	D	34	0.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,391	D	3,104	47.8	I	163	5.0
All other carloads	75,205	I	9,823	15.0	I	3,023	4.2
LCL traffic	175	D	90	34.0	I	57	48.3
Total Cars Loaded	402,496	I	7,915	2.0	I	20,061	5.2
Corresponding week of 1985	394,581						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (47 weeks)	17,776,510	17,869,276*	D 0.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
46 Weeks ended November 15	783.7	782.3	I 0.2
Week ended November 22	18.2	17.5	I 4.0
47 Weeks cumulative	802.0	799.9	I 0.3

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* On the carloadings report dated November 20, cumulative carloadings for the 46 weeks ending November 15, 1985 were overstated. The correct number should have been 17,474,695.

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